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1. CONOFF CEURVORST IS FAMILIAR WITH IFE ENAHORO AKA NEAL AND HER FAMILY AS WELL AS WITH DIANNE NABORS AKA RIUA AKINSEGUN AND HER FAMILY AT ILE IFE. LATTER VISITED CONSULATE END OF MARCH TO DISCUSS DELAYS IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER BENEFIT CHECKS. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF ANY SORT FOR SUBJECTS REFTEL. DIANNE NABORS HAS CONSULATE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND IS PERIODICALLY IN TOUCH WITH CONOFF CEURVORST.

2. BEGIN LOU. CONSULATE RECOMMENDS STRONGLY AGAINST REPATRIATION LOAN. CONOFF HAS BEEN APPROACHED ON THIS SUBJECT BY NABORS FOR HERSELF AND SON AND HAS REPLIED NEGATIVELY. CONOFF BELIEVES THESE APPLICATIONS ARE SIMILAR TO IF NOT CONNECTED WITH REPATRIATION REQUESTS FROM WRIGHT AND CROOME (SEE 75 IBADAN 158 AND OTHERS) AND RICHARD LEWIS (LAGOS REPATRIATION 1975). CONSULATE
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BELIEVES THERE ARE STILL FOUR OR FIVE OTHER AMCITS (PARA

3 REFTEL C) IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES WHO ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USG WILL REPATRIATE THEM AND ARE COUNTING ON CONNECTION WITH CONGRESS THRU CONGRESSIONAL AIDE LUTHER GOODWIN (NOT LISTED IN CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY -PROBABLY SF DISTRICT) TO PUT PRESSURE ON STATE DEPT TO REPATRIATE THEM (REF B).

3. WRIGHT, CROOME, AND LEWIS ARE PART OF EAST COAST BACK TO AFRICA GROUP AND NABORS AND NEAL PART OF WEST COAST BERKELEY-CENTERED GROUPS. IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT FESTAC WILL SEE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AMCITS IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND FRAME OF MIND. CONSULATE BELIEVES IT IN BEST INTEREST OF USG AND US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS IF NORMAL POLICY OF USING REPATRIATION ONLY AS LAST RESORT IS FOLLOWED. IF REPATRIATION PRECEDENT IS SET OR CONTINUED, REQUESTS WILL QUICKLY MULTIPLY AND OTHERS FROM GROUPS IN US WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TRAVEL TO NIGERIA FOR FESTAC WITHOUT ADEQUATE FUNDS. THIS COULD RESULT IN UNPOPULARITY FOR AMCITS IN NIGERIA AT AN ALREADY DELICATE MOMENT.

4. RE FINANCES: NABORS PRESENTED EVIDENCE OF INCOME FROM THREE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TOTALLING \$487.50 PER MONTH IN JULY 75. ALTHOUGH ONE ALLOTMENT MAY HAVE BEEN TERMINATED, NABORS CLOTHING AND JEWELRY DO NOT INDICATE FAMILY SUFFERING HARDSHIP. NEAL AKA ENAHORO WAS WORKING AT UNIFE TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY. AFTER VISA PROBLEMS HERE SHE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE NIGERIA. IT IS PROBABLE SHE HAS OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT IN US AND CAN RAISE FUNDS FOR HER FAMILY'S REPATRIATION. NEAL SHOULD BE NOTIFIED NOW THAT THE USG WILL NOT RPT NOT REPATRIATE HER CHILDREN. NABORS IS BEING TOLD THE SAME. CONSULATE BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE DEFINITELY DISABUSED OF NOTION THAT USG WILL ADVANCE FUNDS. OTHERWISE, FIVE IMMEDIATE REQUESTS FOR REPATRIATION LIKELY ENSUE WITH OTHERS NOT FAR BEHIND. END LOU.
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